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# Getting a Head Start on Automating your FedRAMP ATO using OSCAL in Xacta360

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# INTRODUCTION



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Xacta® 360

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- Xacta has existed as a compliance management platform since 2000
- Pre-built workflows for frameworks like FedRAMP and NIST RMF
- Customization without code, optimized for cloud security assessments
- Reduces time and dependencies in the assessment and authorization process



# What's Next?

How can we push the limits of compliance automation?



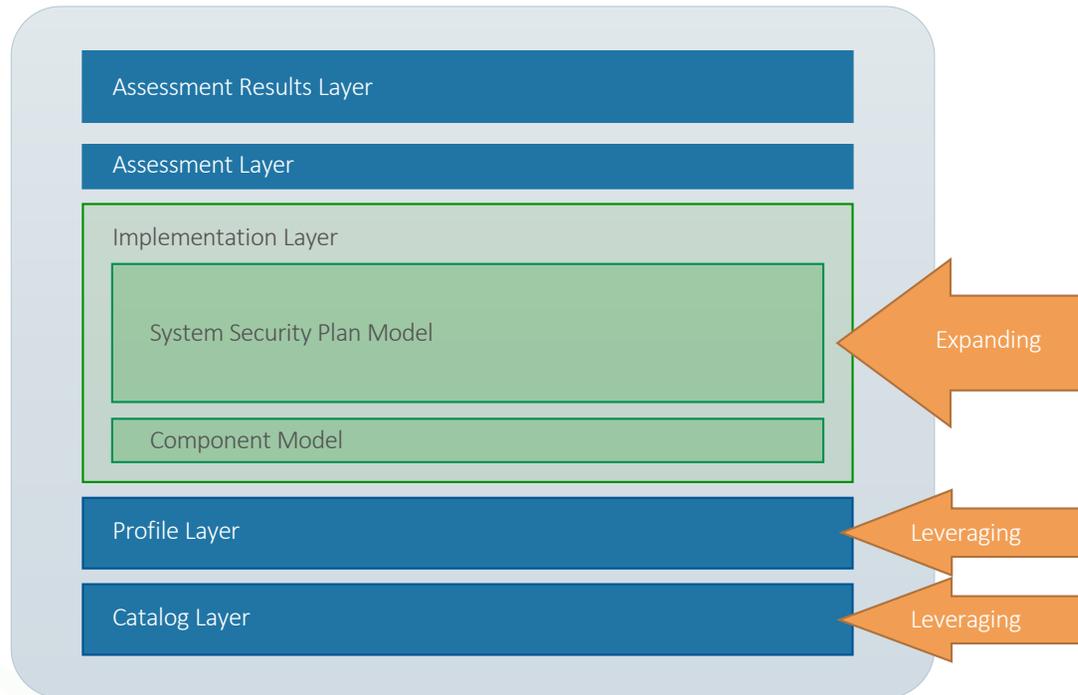
## Our Vision: Accelerated ATO Enabled by OSCAL

- Open Security Control Assessment Language (OSCAL) is a data centric framework with the goal of standardizing the process for documenting and accessing security controls
- OSCAL enables movement at machine speed, allowing for faster authorization
- Advantages to roles across the authorization process
- Xacta360 will “hold the door open” to get users started in compliance as code
- Creation of “OSCAL enabled” workflows with pre-built mappings
- One click OSCAL export to generate an OSCAL package





## Telos Support of OSCAL Layers and Initial Integration



### OSCAL From the Bottom Up

- Xacta360 leverages OSCAL FedRAMP Controls Catalogs
- Xacta360 references OSCAL FedRAMP Baseline Profiles
- Started from SSP layer
- Plans are in motion to complete the SSP layer and interlink with other models



## Current Release

- Mapped the OSCAL model for FedRAMP on the Xacta360 FedRAMP project
- Included the Metadata, System Characteristics, and System Implementation
  - Roles
  - System users
  - Ports, protocols, and services
  - Equipment inventory
  - System environment
  - Location
  - + more





## In Development

- Inclusion of Controls implementation section
  - Responsible roles
  - Control parameters
  - Implementation status
  - Controls Origination
  - + more
- Resolve variation in control models
- Finalize what is accepted in terms of an OSCAL package





## OSCAL Pipeline

### Near future:

- Support controls catalog layer and profile layer on SSP export for dynamic OSCAL
- Completion of the SSP Layer with inclusion of Back-matter, import of profile, and leveraged authorizations

### Beyond:

- Support control inheritance within OSCAL FedRAMP, BOE and XDE
- Support of other templates within OSCAL beyond FedRAMP
- Support the export of control, test, POA&M and risk artifacts within OSCAL
- Support of OSCAL import: profile and SSP layer



## Head Start on the OSCAL package for FedRAMP

- What is generated from Xacta360 after an export?
  - Zip file containing FedRAMP SSP in OSCAL format
- What is required in an OSCAL Package for submission to FedRAMP?
  - FedRAMP SSP in OSCAL Format
  - Resolved OSCAL Profile
  - Controls catalog
  - Artifacts in back-matter



# Xacta OSCAL Demo



## Enable Data Exchange

### *Enabling Essential Data Exchange in Application Setting*

The screenshot shows the XACTA 360 Application Settings page. The navigation bar includes Dashboard, Projects, Reports, Administration, and Content. The page title is 'Application Settings'. There are 'Save' and 'Reset' buttons. The settings are as follows:

Setting Name	Value
Timeout time for Azure Scan Results (Seconds)	1000
Block User Login	Disabled
Request Account	Enabled
Delete Completed Requests (Days)	0
Send Request Notification	Disabled
Request Account Help Information	
<b>Essential Data Exchange</b>	<b>Enabled</b>
User Groups	Use LDAP Group Accounts

### *Application Setting Description of EDE*

- **Essential Data Exchange** Essential Data Exchange allows master administrators to export projects to Body of Evidence (BOE) XML, (OSCAL) FedRAMP SSP XML, and Xacta Data Exchange (XDE) XML format. Mapping profiles for these formats can be created using the Administration > Application Settings > Essential Data Exchange Mappings page.





# Navigate to Project, Select OSCAL Export

## Project List Page Action Gear Icon

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XACTA 360 Dashboard Projects Reports Administration Content Search madmin (Master Administrator)

0-FedRAMP > Projects

Projects Project Actions Folder Reports

+ Save Reset Assign Labels More

Each assessment/certification and accreditation effort is contained in a single project. A project is made up of major tasks, and each task contains several process steps. When you have completed all the tasks and process steps in your project, you have successfully completed your assessment/certification and accreditation. If you are an administrator, the Projects page lists all the projects in the folder. If you are a user, the page lists all the projects you have been assigned to. To open a project, click its name.

Select	Priority	Project Name	Public Info	Description	Acronym	Tracking No.	Labels	Impact Level	Security Level	Project Status	Assessment Status	Accreditation Exp. Date	Authorization Exp. Date	Inh/Ref-Ext	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>		<a href="#">FedRAMP &amp; DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]</a>		Project template based on FedRAMP requirements, includes FedRAMP Moderate and FedRAMP High baseline with DoD SRG overlays. This project is purpose-built for FedRAMP and generates an initial FedRAMP package.		OSCAL-0001		Moderate	M-M-L	Inactive (Draft)					
<input type="checkbox"/>		<a href="#">FedRAMP Extended Version</a>		Using extended regulation for FedRAMP. Contains dummy data for testing				Moderate	M-M-M	Inactive (Draft)					

Rec/Page: 200 Set Records: 1-2 out of 2

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# Can also Select from in Project

## Task List Page "More" Dropdown

The screenshot shows the XACTA 360 interface. The top navigation bar includes Dashboard, Projects, Reports, Administration, and Content. The user is logged in as 'madmin (Master Administrator)'. The current project is 'FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2... OSCAL-0001]'. The 'Tasks' section is active, showing a list of tasks with a 'More' dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu contains three options: 'Export Project Data', 'Import Project Data', and 'Export OSCAL FedRAMP'. Below the dropdown, a table lists tasks with columns for Select, Rank, Task Grouping, Task, Approver(s), Status, Workflow Actions, and Actions. The first task, 'INFORMATION GATHERING', is selected and highlighted in blue. To the right of the table, a sidebar titled 'INFORMATION GATHERING steps to complete' lists nine steps: 1. System Overview, 2. Documents Questionnaire, 3. System Personnel, 4. Organizational Roles, 5. Cloud Accounts, 6. System Operational Status, 7. Cloud Service Models, 8. Cloud Deployment Models, and 9. Leveraged Authorizations.

Select	Rank	Task Grouping	Task	Approver(s)	Status	Workflow Actions	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1		INFORMATION GATHERING		Active		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2		INFORMATION SYSTEM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES		Active		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5		CONTINGENCY PLAN		N/A		
<input type="checkbox"/>	10		INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN		N/A		
<input type="checkbox"/>	15		PRIVACY		Active		
<input type="checkbox"/>	20		IMPLEMENT		Active		
<input type="checkbox"/>	25		SELF-ASSESSMENT		Active		





# OSCAL Located Under Project Tab After Export Message Pops Up

*Toaster Message when "Export OSCAL FedRAMP" is selected*

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✓ OSCAL Export scheduled for project: FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]

The screenshot shows the XACTA 360 web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Dashboard', 'Projects', 'Reports', 'Administration', and 'Content'. A search bar and user information 'madmin (Master Administrator)' are also present. The main content area is titled 'Essential Data Exchange Export Files'. A green toaster message is visible in the top left corner, stating 'OSCAL Export scheduled for project: FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]'. Below the message is a table listing generated export files. A Firefox browser window is open over the table, displaying an XML document tree. The XML content includes metadata, system characteristics, and implementation details for a security plan.

Project	Generated By	Creation Date	Actions
FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]	madmin	08/26/2021 12:35:56	View, Download, Delete
FedRAMP Extended Version	madmin	08/25/2021 12:48:49	View, Download, Delete
Artifact Sharing Demo Project 2	nina.madmin	08/25/2021 15:33:17	View, Download, Delete
FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]	madmin	08/19/2021 11:17:26	View, Download, Delete
7-15 Demo Export	madmin	08/19/2021 10:06:32	View, Download, Delete
FedRAMP Extended Version	madmin	08/19/2021 08:11:46	View, Download, Delete
FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]	madmin	08/19/2021 10:06:32	View, Download, Delete
FedRAMP & DoD SRG Extended [5/28/2021]	madmin	08/19/2021 08:11:46	View, Download, Delete

```
<!--system_security_plan uuid="82e549c1-26e5-4845-89e4-d78eb74d3975"-->
<+metadata></metadata>
<+system_characteristics></system_characteristics>
<--system_implementation>
  <prop name="users-internal" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="0"/>
  <prop name="users-external" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="0"/>
  <prop name="users-internal-future" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="0"/>
  <prop name="users-external-future" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="0"/>
  <component type="service" uuid="fde3d15b-82e3-43f6-964f-3e033f10ebid">
    <title>Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)</title>
    <prop name="protocol"/>
    <status state="operational"/>
    <!--protocol-->
    <port_range end="25" start="25" transport="TCP"/>
    <port_range end="80" start="80" transport="TCP"/>
    <port_range end="2030" start="1050" transport="TCP"/>
    </protocol>
  </component>
  <inventory-item uuid="d5e787ce-63f1-49ee-8486-5441aada1a97">
    <description>
      <p>description for hardware-1</p>
    </description>
    <prop name="asset-id" value="35.195.70.16"/>
  </inventory-item>
</system_implementation>
```





## Open in OSCAL Tool or Text Editor

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><system-security-plan xmlns="http://csrc.nist.gov/ns/oscal/1.0" uuid="8872c4a6-2c59-4c02-9d6d-0f07df"
2 >   <metadata>
484 >   <system-characteristics>
610 >   <system-implementation>
646 >   <control-implementation>
6419   <back-matter/>
6420 </system-security-plan>
6421
```

```
2   <metadata>
3     <revisions/>
4 >     <role id="fedramp-jab">
8 >     <role id="information-system-security-officer">
12 >     <role id="system-poc-technical">
16 >     <role id="asset-administrator">
19 >     <role id="fedramp-pmo">
23 >     <role id="prepared-by">
29 >     <role id="authorizing-official">
```

```
484   <system-characteristics>
485     <system-id identifier-type="https://fedramp.gov"/>
486     <system-name>Information System Name</system-name>
487     <system-name-short>System Abbr</system-name-short>
488     <description/>
489     <prop name="authorization-type" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal"/>
490     <prop class="security-eauth" name="security-eauth-level" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal"/>
491     <prop name="cloud-service-model"/>
492     <prop name="cloud-service-model"/>
```





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```
610 <system-implementation>
611   <prop name="users-internal" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="test number of internal personnel 500"/>
612   <prop name="users-external" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="external personnel 40"/>
613   <prop name="users-internal-future" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="550"/>
614   <prop name="users-external-future" ns="https://fedramp.gov/ns/oscal" value="60"/>
615 >   <component type="service" uuid="e3e16dc3-3618-4f17-85cb-c5284b3ba22a">
621 >   <component type="this-system" uuid="c94d1b54-a2d0-48fb-b030-ca5493b3b6a7">
626 >   <inventory-item uuid="f5a9a920-cd49-4711-b4f0-949cc6941a94">
```

```
646 <control-implementation>
647 >   <description>
650 >   <implemented-requirement control-id="ma-5" uuid="584669ff-1841-4d1b-83b1-2bda971c0158">
658 >   <implemented-requirement control-id="ac-11" uuid="a2d82c3c-e82a-4235-bc9c-04e5e4eca2e3">
666 >   <implemented-requirement control-id="ra-5" uuid="d9e13209-a1f1-438c-a26e-7e7ecc0dc9b6">
674 >   <implemented-requirement control-id="ir-3" uuid="725cff1b-d76b-4214-bbcf-ff5b0e389cbb">
682 >   <implemented-requirement control-id="si-3" uuid="1bd7444f-05d8-4330-b02e-f95dccc98a5">
690 >   <implemented-requirement control-id="ca-2" uuid="389e03e0-7c2a-4407-9232-1ce6c4fbfa11">
```



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